

DIARY NOTES

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23 through 26 July 1956

FOIAb3b1 1. Jim Garrison discussed with me the feasibility of air conditioning the Matomic Building after 5:30 p.m., stating that people from Project AQUATONE and [REDACTED] had requested it. The bill for the remainder of the summer would probably be somewhere between \$16,000 and \$25,000. I told Jim that I recognized the necessity of air conditioning these areas if it could be arranged but that first of all we should make sure that what we did was legal, and, second, that it was done in the most economical manner. I suggested the possibility of purchasing window units for night use rather than turning on the big system.

2. Jim says he believes that there is a substantial duplication between his property people and those in the Office of Communications. He indicates that Communications has about eighteen men in Stock Record Management who are doing almost exactly the same thing that his people are doing in the Office of Logistics. This problem continues to come up both at headquarters and in the field and I think that we must resolve it before too long. It is one of the things which we are looking into in our headquarters manpower study and I am also going to look into it on my trip.

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25X1A8a 3. Jim has recruited [REDACTED] of the FE Division to be the No. 2 man in his newly authorized [REDACTED]

4. I discussed briefly with Jim the desirability of having the Office of Logistics make our annual estimates rather than having the area divisions make line item forecasts. He is convinced that this is right and that he can do it. I think we all agree that he should and we must follow up on this to see that things move in the right direction.

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I told Paul that inasmuch as [REDACTED] was a member of the Career Staff I saw no justification for payment merely because he did not get the particular job in [REDACTED] which he wanted; furthermore, an examination of the property purchased indicated that all but \$100 of it could be used perfectly well in the States. I also said that in view of the fact that [REDACTED] had not been well handled I could see my way clear to recommend reimbursement of this \$100 or so, but no more. I believe that Paul will make a recommendation along these lines.

7. It has been brought to my attention that it is becoming rather general knowledge, particularly in the Clandestine Services, that the Assessment and Evaluation Staff of the Office of Training is accumulating a substantial amount of rather confidential information on people who are assessed as a part of their training courses. Some individuals are getting fearful that these files are being seen by too many people; therefore, there is a very definite possibility that they will tend to shy away from this program much as they do the Psychiatric Program. It therefore behooves us to develop a system where these files are seen by only those who have a "need to know" in much the same way that our psychiatric files are handled. This should be brought to Colonel Baird's attention at an early date. H

8. There has been an approach made to the Agency to ask us to take over the functions of the Board of Geographic Names. I have advised Larry Houston and also the Director that I thought we should resist this. [REDACTED] now 25X1A9a has this matter and is studying the legal aspects of it. I believe he and Larry feel that this could not properly be turned over to us. We should follow up on it and make sure that our position gets back to the Director or Bob Amory at a very early date.

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10. Reviewed the manpower study problem with [REDACTED] and agreed on the organization and appointment of a series of task forces which would complete their work as early as possible but in no case later than the end of this year. We will almost certainly be required to furnish a report to the Davis Manpower Subcommittee shortly after the first of the year and we want to make a better showing than we made in our last report.

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11. Jim Garrison, [REDACTED] and I met with Messrs. Merold and Adamson of the Government Printing Office to discuss the merger of the reproduction facilities in the [REDACTED] with our own. Mr. Merold and Mr. Adamson agree in principle to this merger and to the desirability of having CIA manage the merged installation. We are to draft a letter to the Public Printer in which he will concur and forward to the Joint Committee on Printing recommending that we be given the authority to establish a Class "B" printing plant. It was tentatively suggested that we might take over responsibility for the H

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[REDACTED] on or about 1 July 1958 and that we would take several months to sort out the personnel and property problems. In any case, CIA would have full responsibility for management of this Plant several months prior to the actual move into the new building. The GPO people were most cooperative and merely wished to stipulate that we would possibly have to take care of the small amount of printing for State and AEC which the Plant is now doing.

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12. Arranged to have breakfast with Mr. [REDACTED] at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 August, at the Metropolitan Club.

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13. Jim Garrison discussed with me the possibility of promoting [REDACTED] (staff agent) to grade GS-16. I told him that I was sympathetic and that he should go ahead and write up a recommendation; however, I think that it might be better not to process this until I can attend the Supergrade Review Board Meeting.

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14. Jim and General [REDACTED] have reached an agreement whereby the General's tour of duty with the Agency will not be extended beyond 10 October 1956. General [REDACTED] has requested thirty-five days' leave of absence and, therefore, will be gone shortly after 1 August.

15. Jim also told me that the Technical Services Staff and the Office of Communications were contracting for supplies through Project AQUATONE. [REDACTED] is looking into this, but we should follow it up to make sure that anything which these offices are getting through this channel is strictly for Project AQUATONE. In this connection, when [REDACTED] (who is to be the [REDACTED]) reports for duty I believe he should be briefed on Project AQUATONE. He is an Air Force officer and should be very helpful in this field.

16. Jim alerted me to the fact that he believed the [REDACTED] had some idea of setting up [REDACTED] which would duplicate those of Project [REDACTED] We should look out for this and make sure that it does not happen.

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19. [REDACTED] was in to see me specifically to request a job as Special Assistant to the DD/S. I was very outspoken with him in saying that I would

not consider such an assignment and that if he really wanted to get into administration he would have to get down and-do some "pick and shovel" work first. As he had indicated in his conversation with Mr. Lloyd, I think he feels that he is above this; therefore, I told him that as long as he remained in such a frame of mind I saw no possibility of his getting into the administrative business.

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21. Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Jim Garrison, [REDACTED] and I lunched with Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, in the Director's Dining Room. Mr. Wirth was most cooperative as usual and urged us to talk to Mr. Curtiss, Commissioner of Public Roads, about giving a high priority to the Cabin John Bridge under the President's Highway Program. We also felt that it would be advisable to get the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense interested in this matter. I should follow up on this.

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